

Feb 4th Dear Mrs. Chapman, I have just been
reading the last Liberator, how rich it is.
I enclose an additional line, just to beg
& entreat that in the proposed results
of one hundred conventions poor Springfield
may not be overlooked & passed by. I know it
is almost a hopeless task to do any thing but the
hearts of the few devoted friends of "old organization"
need cheering the more because they are very few.
all I can do, and my mother, is cheerfully promised
a home for the lecturers while here, a place to lecture
in, & every effort to obtain an audience you may
be sure of, whether any will come to hear is
more than we can tell. A Mr. Harris, calling
himself a & ardent lecturer, in reality a non-resistant
abolitionist, ~~a abolitionist~~ & "a Garrisonite" I was about to
say, but we only suspected the latter, because he al-
luded in respectful terms to W. L. G. — has been
here lecturing on practical Christianity, freedom, truth
the coming of Christ &c — my heart for one has
been much glad by it, but I have learned to
look with suspicion on all talkers, til I hear
or see their doings. There is also a colored woman
astorishing the Springfielders, who can neither read
or write, but the spirit has taught her, she will
I expect go to Northampton asso. next week.
a few evenings since I went to a Wesleyan class
meeting, there were five or six colored persons
present who spoke, & also a reformed drunkard,
who were in all respects treated the same as
any other persons. I do not think it was any great
thing that it should be so, but that it is a
disgrace to humanity that such things should be
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so rare, as to be thought worth speaking of, but you know they are rare, & therefore I will give to those who do them all the credit I can - also at a donation party recently given to the Episcopalian minister, a respectable colored man was admitted & treated with the same attention as the rest of the company. So you see the few workers here, are doing something indeed any thing they can do in so small a way as not to attract the attention of Dr. Osgood may succeed. I do admire the protest against the U. S. constitution. & the petition respecting Capital punishment, I could almost sign such a petition as that -

once more I say do not let Springfield be passed by in your conventions.

Yours truly

Wm. W. Sears.

A.S.

I often think of that pleasant call at your house last spring, & also at the A. S. office in consequence of your order for "Loving's emancipation" the books have been circulated faithfully with what success can only be known at the judgment, those sweet talks were so refreshing & strengthening to one who plods on almost alone. I do not think I ever should have got courage to come out of the church, without this -

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